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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA AND THE SECGENSHIP

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1. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF HIS 13-NATION, 40-DAY TOUR OF THE CARIBBEAN, AFRICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST, PRES. ECHEVERRIA WAS ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR HIS CANDIDACY AS SUCCESSOR TO WALDHEIM AS U.N. SEC GEN. HIS RESPONSE WAS SOMEWHAT LESS PRESSIMISTIC THAN IT HAD BEEN SEVERAL DAYS AGO (REFTEL): THERE WAS A STRONG CURRENT OF SYMPATHY IN HIS FAVOR, HE SAID, BUT IT WAS STILL VERY PREMATURE EVEN TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY.

2. ADVISED BY A NEWSMAN OF THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ARTICLE ALLEGING OPPOSITION TO THIS CANDIDACY WITHIN THE USG DUE TO HIS ANTI-US, THIRD-WORLD STANCE, ECHEVERRIA REPLIED THAT "IT IS SIMPLY THAT MEXICO, THROUGH THE VOICE OF ITS PRESIDENT, HAS EXPRESSED A DEMOCRATIC POLICY OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE IN WHICH SPEICAL INTERESTS DO NOT DOMINATE; OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE THIRD WORLD; A POLICY WHICH IS FUNDAMENTALLY ANTI-INFLATIONARY. I HOPE THAT MUCH IS UNDERSTOOD -- THE REST DOESN'T

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MATTER."

3. ONE NEWSMAN, NOTING THAT ECHEVERRIA'S ITINERARY  
WOULD TAKE HIM TO BOTH ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES, ASKED IF  
THERE WAS ANY CHANGE HE MIGHT SERVE AS  
"CONCILIATOR" IN MID-EAST CONFLICT. ECHEVERRIA DISMISSED THE  
POSSIBILITY,BUT THEN ADDED, "WE ARE INDEED IN A POSITION  
TO DO SO, SINCE WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE WORLD AND ECONOMIC  
BALANCE AND A PEACEFUL MEANS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS"  
(PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO CERDS).  
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